

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


The final Office Action dated May 19, 2004, indicated that Claims 2, 7-18, 23 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the limitations of Claim 2 have been incorporated into Claim 1 and the limitations of Claim 26 have been incorporated into Claim 24. Since the Advisory Action dated August 25, 2004, denied entry of the amendments dated August 13, 2004, those amendments are repeated here. Claims 2 and 26 have been canceled.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3 and 5-25 are patentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 1.

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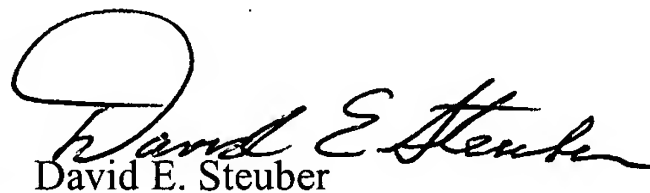
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